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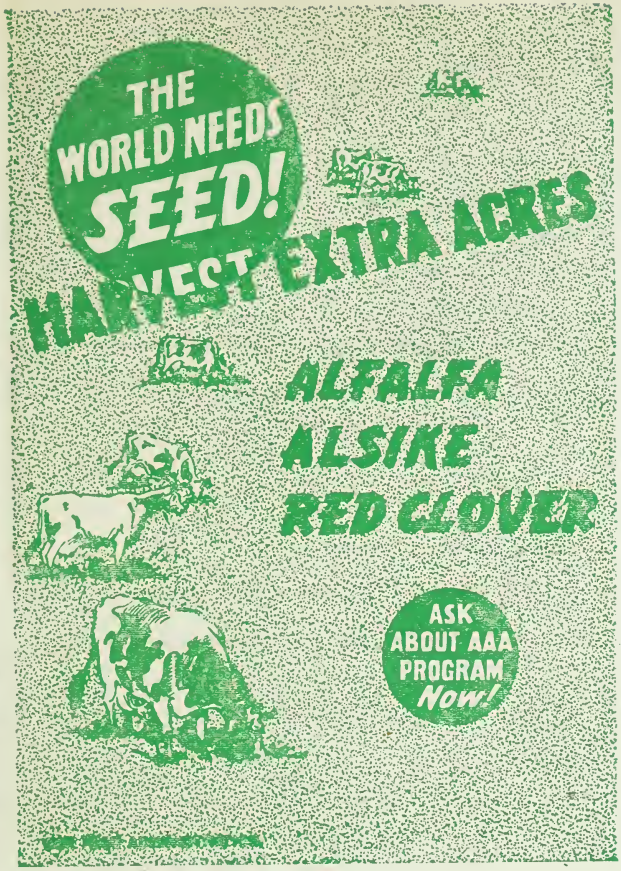

WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION

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More Money for ALSIKE CLOVER SEED

The world's war-worn soils need rebuilding. Hay and pasture are needed. ALFALFA, RED CLOVER, and ALSIKE CLOVER are in special demand. An all-out effort to get more seed is being made in 1945.

CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED FUNDS to stimulate seed production. It means extra income for farmers who harvest certain seed in 1945. Get full information from your county or State AAA office. See your county agent for production helps.

Some ALSIKE CLOVER seed production tips:

Cut the first crop for seed. After the first cutting growth is quite limited unless the season is especially wet.

In most of the Alsike seed producing area, cows should be taken from seed-producing fields the first of May—later in the more northern States. The longer the field is pastured the less seed.

Cross pollination is necessary for seed to form. Hives of bees near the Alsike field are especially recommended for a good pollination job.

Cut Alsike clover for seed when the seed hulls are brown. Don't wait too long or the seed will shatter.

Cut in the early morning when the plants are damp from dew. Put up in windrows before hay gets dry.

To save seed: Handle hay carefully, thresh it at right time, stop leaks when threshing, hauling, and storing.

CLEAN SEED BRINGS A PREMIUM

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